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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 1,208.

(b) The State Government have granted assistance to the displaced persons in the shape of business loans, house loans and ration allowances. A total sum of Rs. 7,46,137 has been disbursed as loans. The Government of India have not granted any subsidy to the State Government. They have, however, given a sum of Rs. 10,794–4–0 to unattached women, infirms and widows towards maintenance allowance."

Extent of poramboke lands in the South Arcot district.

* 1150 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the extent of poramboke lands in the South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— "The extent of poramboke lands in South Arcot district is 496,431 acres."

Refusal of permission to buy the Malabar District Gazette.

* 1151 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have refused permission to any panchayat board in Malabar to buy the *Malabar District Gazette*; and

(b) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister and ask a question in that way that the Badagara Panchayat Board was refused permission to buy the *Malabar District Gazette*? May I know whether the Government consider it a prejudicial material to buy the District Gazette? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There seems to be no need for panchayats with little income to spend money on the purchase of the District Gazette and the *Fort St. George Gazette*, especially as important orders, rules, etc., are communicated to Class I panchayats by the District Panchayat Officer and as rules, orders, etc., are also published in the Panchayat Journal published by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards for the information of panchayats."

Betting on cotton prices in the City.

* 1152 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that gambling known as " New York Cotton " betting is going on in Madras City; and